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To: Westra, John; Lester, Steve
Subject: Hans Beekwilder/John Bezates/Rod Barker

Good Morning!

Wanted to let you all know about the latest developement in the Mill Creek area. As you may recall I sent you an email to explain the situation of Mr. Bezates (renting property from Mr. Beekwilder) demanding I deliver water which is already in the ditch, but his neighbors were keeping it all. I was finally able to reach Darlin Williams (the neighbor using all the water) and inform her that she must release the water since her junior right in the ditch had been curtailed. She said no problem she'd do that right away. Apparently she did (or at least part of it) because Mr. Bezates called me tonight wanting to know if the little trickle coming to him was all the water there is. I explained the situation to him, told him I'd done all that the law allows me to do in the matter, and he was already privy to the history with Rick and Darlin Williams and there use (or abuse) of water up there. He then requested that I call the Department and insist that you take action immediately. He was under the impression that the Department (somewhere back in time) had send a letter to the Williams' informing them that their water rights would be taken away if they didn't stop stealing from the neighbors. So the chances are very good that you'll be recieving a phone call to that affect in the near future. I tried to tell him that the same laws that govern my actions also govern yours, but I don't think he understood that. I also tried to tell him that the Williams' will hang on to that water every year until the Watermaster gets ahold of them and tells them there's no water for them to use, and then they'll usually (but I suspect not always) release it and send it on.

To add to the excitement and confusion, Rodman Barker is down the ditch from Mr. Bezates/Beekwilder's property, and has East Fork Ditch shares, and a water right filed on "Waste Water" apparently in the same ditch system. He called me to ask where his water was and I explained the same to him as to Mr. Bezates, but he didn't seem to follow what I was saying. Mr. Bezates told me this evening that he believes Mr. Barker is tampering with boards in the ditch and taking off with what little water there is, so he'll probably speak to you about that too. We're having way to much fun in the sun up here in District 67! Just wanted you to be prepared...

Have a Good One!

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